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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Paul GILSON et al.

Application No.: 09/986,132

Filed: November 7, 2001

For: SUPPORT FRAME FOR AN  
EMBOLIC PROTECTION DEVICE

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) Examiner: Truong, Kevin Thao  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a three month extension of time to reply to the Office Action dated September 12, 2003. A fee payment of \$950.00 is enclosed.

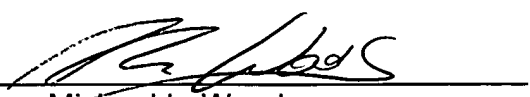
Applicants file this petition to maintain the pendency of this application through March 12, 2004, in association with filing a continuation application claiming the benefit of this application.

Please grant any further extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 11, 2004

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